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## Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement mailed October 24, 2003 wherein the claims were grouped into the following categories:

- I. Claims 1-19, drawn to an ion-exchange membrane structure, classified in class 521, subclass 27.
- II. Claims 20-29, drawn to a fuel cell assembly comprising an ion exchange membrane, classified in class 429, subclass 30.
- III. Claims 30-46, drawn to method of producing an ion exchange membrane structure, classified in class 525, subclass 326.2.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicant elects Claims 1-10 (Group I, species I-1) without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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